working in Central Water Commission at Burla are not getting winter liveries, when Burla is under Urban Agglomeration of Sambalpur and the climatic condition of Burla is the same as that of Sambalpur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the construction of office building and staff quarters of Central Flood and Forecasting Division at Burla; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Instructions have already been issued for supplying liveries to the Group C and Group D employees of the Central Flood Forecasting Division and Sub-Division Burla on the same scale as are supplied to similar categories of employees posted at Sambalpur.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

9. [*Transferred to the* 3rd *March* 1986.]

Explosion in Bokaro Steel Plant

10. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some persons were killed and a number of persons injured in an explosion in the Bokaro Steel Plant in January, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what is the outcome of the enquiry made by Government into the explosion and what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) and (b) An explosion took place in convertor No. 2 of Steel Melting Shop No. 2 of Bokaro Steel Plant on January 15, 1986 at about 5.15 in the evening. Twenty persons were affected mainly by burns and some by gas poisioning. One official had died on the spot due to heavy burns. The 19 injured persons were admitted in the Bokaro Main Hospital, of which two have since died. Out of the remaining 17 persons, 14 have been discharged from the Hospital, out of which 9 employees have already joined duty. Five of the discharged employees are convalescing at home. 3 employees are still in the Hospital undergoing treatment.

All compensation and amounts payable to the successors of the 3 deceased employees and compensation to be paid to the injured persons has already been paid or has been deposited with the commissioner for workmen's compensation. Bokaro Steel Plant have already offered employment to the widows of the two persons. Efforts were made to contact the third as she was not at Bokaro. An application has since been received from her on 19-2-86.

An Enquiry Committee was constituted by the plant management to enquire into the causes of the accident and to suggest remedial measures to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

A High Power Enquiry Committee has also been constituted by Chairman, SAIL. They will also consider the report of the Enquiry Committee constituted by the plant management which has been received by the High Power Enquiry Committee. The report of the High Power Enquiry committed is awaited by SAIL.

The equipment that was damaged has been repaired and the convertor is likely to go into operation shortly.

Review of norms for Drought Relief

11. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: